



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 1

Meeting Date: March 28, 2006

Meeting Location: Lake County Juvenile Justice Center
3000 West 93rd Avenue
Crown Point Indiana 46307

Council Members Present: Richard Ban, Jane Bisbee, Mary Beth Bonaventura, Melanie Cox, Deborah Harris, Cynthia Kambesis, Henry Mosley, Lynda Wheeler

Council Members Absent: Glenn Commons, Rita Daniels, Jeffrey Miller, Charlotte Peller, Elizabeth Tegarden

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 3:30.

The February Minutes were approved by council members. Handouts included the state Regional Services Council Newsletter titled *Making a World of Difference*. This newsletter will be distributed quarterly.

The Kids First Trust Fund was discussed and posters were made available for all those present to post in their office or community to encourage using Kids First plates.

April being Child Abuse Prevention Month was also announced and blue ribbon pins were given to all present. Announcements about April activities including the Lake County Child Abuse Forum were made.

Community child safety was the main agenda item. Handouts included:

- DCS Framework for Child Welfare Service Provisions
- Service Standards for Community Partners for Child Safety
- Required Activities for Community Partners for Child Safety
- Substantiated Maltreatment Data for Lake County
- Investigations Assigned for July 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005 by aipcode for Lake County

Marion County Regional Manager and Director Dan Carmin was introduced and Mr. Carmin gave a brief overview of the Marion County NACS (Neighborhood Alliance for Child Safety) program. Mr. Carmin also introduced Marion Division Manager Susie Kennedy and Angela Green from the NACS program. Ms. Green provided a detailed description of how the program was developed and how it currently works in Marion County. The program is funded primarily through the Marion County Department of Child Services. Services provided are designed to help at risk families who have not had a substantiation of child abuse or neglect. Questions from the council and from the audience about how the NACS program provides community child safety were answered by Mr. Carmin, Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Green.

There was not time to discuss the handouts in detail so they were to be added to the agenda for the April RSC meeting.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: Tuesday April 25, 2006
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Meeting Adjourned at 4:55